

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

July 8, 2016

SUBJECT: OVERPASS ON ALTON ROAD

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide the Mayor and City Commission an Alton Road Flyover Progress Report.

The Alton Road at 5th Street flyover has been an ongoing priority for the Department of Public Works / Engineering Division. Back in May of 2015 (LTC188-2015) the City engaged with the FIU School of Architecture and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) amongst others to host a three day charrette on the various options for this area. The first proposal included LED lighting, concrete panels and a oversize HD screen at an installation cost of \$1.2 to \$2 million. A second proposal included a shell with girders; a projection screen on either side of the bridge at a proposed cost of \$4 to \$6 million.

Since that time, FDOT has reconstructed Alton Road from 5th Street to Michigan Avenue. Now that the project is completed, the City has obtained a quote from the FDOT contractor to clean and paint the flyover for \$90,960.92. In addition, the Public Works' Green Space Management Division has prepared a detailed planting layout for the median underneath the flyover.

CURRENT STATUS

The new irrigation system for the Alton Road flyover has been installed and is fully operational. The landscaping for the area beneath the flyover has also been designed. To avoid damage to the landscape material, minor earth-work and plant and mulch installation will occur once the bridge has been painted and the uplighting installed. Due to the confined nature of this site, and the challenges presented by having such a limited staging and work space, the painting of the flyover will take approximately three (3) weeks to complete and will start in approximately two (2) weeks. The rest of the work will follow over the next couple of months. Due to the requirements of this work, the painting phase of the project will be performed during the night time.

Requests for further information may be directed to Dr. Bruce Mowry, City Engineer, 305-673-7080.